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Bruce H. Hansen  
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Bruce H. Hansen, Moenkopi Hite Quarry, S/037/093 (ML-47005), San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on May 21, 1996. The application for the proposed Moenkopi Hite Quarry, located in the W1/2 W1/2 SE1/4 of Section 32, T34S, R15E, SLBM, San Juan County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

Your notice did not contain a request for a variance from the 14 Operation and Reclamation Practices. The Division will, therefore, expect you to fully comply with all of these practices for those features which are present at your site. Please provide us with a written request for a variance if you will not be able to comply with these practices. Please describe and show on a map the area at your site where the variance is requested. Please explain why you cannot comply with a specific practice. You do not need to request a variance from a practice which applies to a feature which is nonexistent at your site.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements prior to exceeding five acres.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy



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of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is:  
Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116,  
(801) 538-6146.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration/school sections. Before conducting mining operations on state leased lands, the operator must provide formal written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Please contact them for their requirements. Their address is: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, 675 East 500 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84102, (801) 538-5100.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



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